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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: SHUM, PFOR, PINS, AR, BL
SUBJECT: BODY OF EX-BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT TORRES FOUND
REF: A) USUN 2357, B) BUENOS AIRES 3641

1. MEDIA CARRYING STORY THAT BODY TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA GEN. JUAN JOSE TORRES WAS FOUND JUNE 2 IN SAN ANDRES DE GILES, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE; ABOUT 120 KILOMETERS FROM BUENOS AIRES. POLICE HAVE NOT YET ISSUED REPORT.

2. COMMENT. PRELIMINARY EMBASSY CHECKS WITH LOCAL SECURITY SOURCES CONFIRM THAT BODY IS THAT OF TORRES. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH DETAILS AS AVAILABLE.

3. SEPTEL IN PREPARATION ON MIN INTERIOR PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 2 ON TORRES' DISAPPEARANCE, AND WE WILL INCLUDE ANY IMMEDIATE GOA REACTION TO FINDING OF BODY.

4. PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION, WE WILL HAVE TO RESERVE JUDGMENT ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TORRES' MURDER. THERE IS

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